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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: PRE-LICENSE CHECK: SGS HONG KONG LTD

REF: A) USDOC 03058 B) D395766

¶1. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.

¶2. As per reftel A request and at the direction of the Office of Enforcement Analysis (OEA) of the USDOC Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Export Control Officer Philip Ankel (ECO) conducted a pre-license check (PLC) at SGS Hong Kong Ltd., Metropole Square, 2 On Yiu Str., Siu Lek Yuen, Shatin, Hong Kong (SGS). The item in question is an Agilent 7500CS ICP-MS Mainframe and is the subject of BIS license application D395766. The item is classified under Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 3A233 and is controlled for nuclear non-proliferation reasons (NP). The license applicant is Agilent Technologies, Inc. of Washington D.C.

¶3. A review of Hong Kong Companies Registry reveals that SGS was registered (as P. Younghusband Limited) in 1959 and has a registered capital of the Hong Kong equivalent of USD 12,000. Its directors are Hong Kong residents Cheng, Oi Ming and Fabrice Jean Pierre Egloff.

¶4. According to its web site (www.sgs.com), SGS offers high-level expertise in testing, verification, technical consultancy and inspection of products from various industries. It has over 1000 staff. It is one of several well-known testing houses in Hong Kong.

¶5. On May 21, 2008, ECO and Commercial Assistant Carie Chan visited SGS at the address referenced above and met with Mr. Lam Wai, Deputy Department Manager, Chemical Testing Laboratory and Mr. Patrik Tsui, Technical Manager, Chemical Testing Laboratory. They provided ECO with a short overview of the company's activities (consistent with its web site) and a tour of the facility. According to Mr. Lam, the company provides a wide range of testing services for various consumer and other products. The item in question will be used for heavy metals (lead) testing in various materials including toys, clothes and electronics.

¶6. At the time visited, SGS appeared to be a suitable recipient of the item in question since SGS cooperated with the PLC, provided ECO with access to the area where the item will be used and operates a line of business consistent with the use of the item.

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